

Guaranteed Education Tuition

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Overview

GET is Washington's prepaid college tuition plan, authorized by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

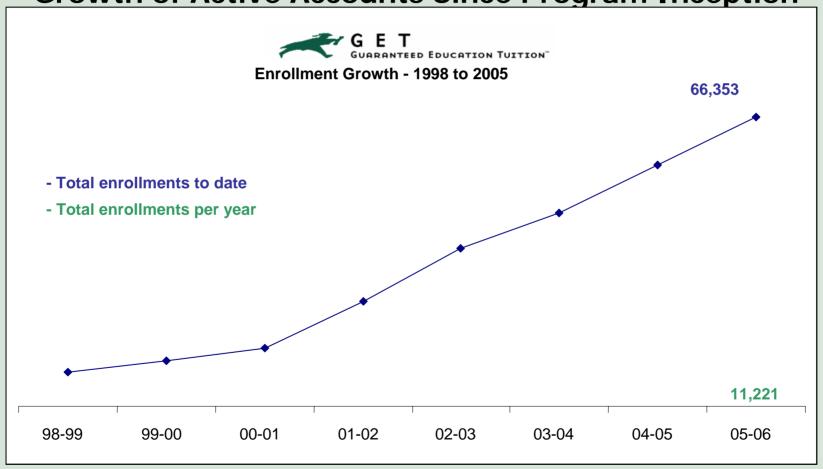
- Established by the 1997 legislature and governor
- Provides Washington citizens the opportunity to pre-pay college tuition
- Encourages families to save for college
- The program is self-sustaining

Key Benefits

- The state guarantees that money saved will keep pace with rising college tuition
- Earnings on GET accounts are taxexempt when used for eligible college expenses under current federal tax law
- GET accounts can be used at nearly any college, university or vocational school – public or private – in the country

The Fastest-growing Prepaid Plan in the Nation

Growth of Active Accounts Since Program Inception

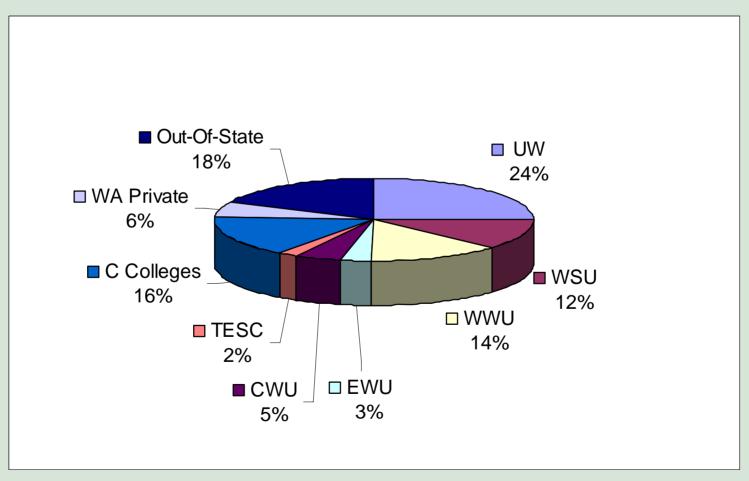


Students Using GET for College

- Nearly 5,000 students have used their GET accounts to go to college
 - A total of 8,000 students will be eligible in fall 2006
- More than 75 percent of students use their GET accounts at a Washington public college or university

School Attendance by GET Participants

2005-2006 Academic Year



At the Federal Level

- New federal law changed financial aid treatment of prepaid plans
 - GET funds are now considered a parental asset reported on the FAFSA
- Next challenge: federal tax exemption is scheduled to expire in 2010

At the State Level

- Any state tuition policy must ensure the long-term viability of the program
- To remain actuarially sound, the program must have predictable increases in tuition
- GET supports affordability and predictability in future tuition

GET Program Information

Web site: www.get.wa.gov

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